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Serial No.: 09/450,384 )  
Filed: November 29, 1999 )  
For: Telephone wire distribution center )

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**DECLARATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.131**

I, Joseph A. Rocci, declare as follows:

I am the President of Etcon Corporation, the assignee of the entire right, title, and interest in the patent application identified above.

I understand that U.S. Patent No. 6,430,288 issued to Frazier et al. on August 6, 2002, from U.S. Patent Application No. 09/418,060 filed on October 14, 1999, and that the Frazier et al. patent has been cited against claims 1-16 of the patent application identified in the caption above.

The inventors completed the invention disclosed in the above-captioned patent application and claimed in claims 1-16 before October 14, 1999, as evidenced by the following facts.

Before October 14, 1999, the inventors conceived of the invention set forth in claims 1-16. The drawings, as filed with this application on November 29, 1999 (except for the references numbers and lead lines), were also prepared before October 14, 1999. Mark A. Mars reviewed the application, including the drawings, as filed, and signed the declaration for this application before the October 14, 1999, filing date of Frazier et al. As evidence of this, attached hereto are copies of: (1) the drawings as originally filed with this application; and (2) the declaration for this application, which Mark Mars signed on September 15, 1999.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true, and further

that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of this patent application or any patent issuing thereon.

  
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Joseph A. Rocci  
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Dated: 6-16-03



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**TELEPHONE WIRE DISTRIBUTION CENTER**

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following space is checked:

\_\_\_\_\_ was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as United States Application Serial Number or PCT International Application Number \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below:

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I hereby appoint the following attorneys and agent(s) to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith:  
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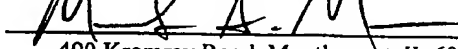
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